

The Story of the *Miracle* of the *Millstone*

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Chapter 1: A Husband's Despair

The Weight of Poverty:

A poor man, overwhelmed by the sight of his family's dire condition, withdrew to the forest, burdened by shame. His departure was not an act of abandonment but a silent gesture of helplessness in the face of deprivation.

A Wife's Faith: Prayer in Secrecy

Upon witnessing her husband's anguish, the man's wife turned to the only source of hope she knew. She approached the household millstone, placed its upper grinding stone upon it, and then went to the oven. In an effort to maintain dignity and conceal their suffering from neighbours, she lit a fire in the oven, creating the illusion of cooking. There, she supplicated:

A Plea from the Heart:

Wife:

"O Allah! Provide for us from the unseen."

Her plea was accepted.

The Response: Bread from the Unseen

Upon returning to the millstone, she found its basin overflowing with flour. Moving to the oven, she discovered it filled with freshly baked bread. This sudden abundance stood as a sign of divine generosity, entirely unassisted by human hands.

The Husband's Return: Witness to the Miracle

When the husband returned from the forest, he was astonished. He inquired:

The Moment of Revelation:

Husband:

"Did anything come to you after I left?"

Wife:

"Yes, our Lord has blessed us with sustenance."

With cautious amazement, the man went to the millstone and confirmed that it was indeed full of flour. In his awe, he removed the upper grinding stone and set it aside.

Prophetic Commentary: The Blessing Interrupted

Upon hearing of this incident, the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) offered a profound insight:

A Timeless Observation:

Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ):

"Had he not lifted the grinding stone, the millstone would have continued to produce flour until the Day of Judgment."